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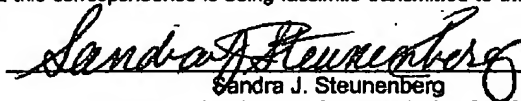
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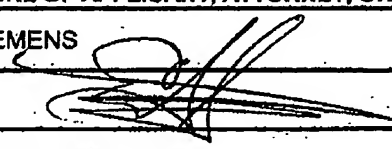
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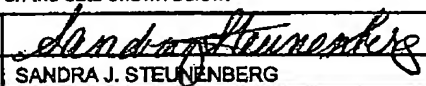
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is filed in response to the restriction requirement mailed on January 14, 2005. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 and 7 are generic to a plurality of patentably-distinct species. The Examiner has required that the Applicant select a single species for prosecution on the merits. The Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, to prosecute the species illustrated in Fig. 2, should no generic claim eventually be held allowable.

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